The proposal of the Maharashtra State Government for diversion of additional 1500 hectares of forest land in Dhule District for resettlement of Sardar Sarovar Project affected families has been approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide Union Ministry of Environment & Forest's letter dated 22-2-94. The construction sluices of the Sardar Sarovar Dam was closed on 23rd February, 1994 and the work on further raising of spillway portion of the dam has been resumed.

In the meeting of Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee held on 21-1-94, it was decided that the spillway block nos. 44 to 48 would be kept at EL 00.3 metres, block nos. 30 and 31 would not be raised above EL 69 metres and block no. 43 kept at EL 70.2 metres till a further review by the Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee. As regards other spillway blocks, these should be such that the afflux level of EL 100 metres for a flood of 1 in 100 years return period would not be exceeded at any stage during the 1994 floods.

The storage capacity of the Sardar Sarovar Dam depends on the height of the Sardar Sarovar Dam which has been fixed by Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal Award and will not be affected by the delay in construction of Narmada Sagar dam. However, the water availability in Sardar Sarovar Dam will be affected by delay in construction of Naramda Sagar Dam. The details of its adverse effects on drinking water and irrigation in Gujarat are being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Heights of Dams on Major Rivers

1779. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether as indicated by the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh in January this year (7th January, 1994) the question of heights of the dams on major rivers, including Sardar Sarovar and Narmada, is being reviewed ;

(b) If so, the details there of, including Madhya Pradesh Government's stand in this regard; and

(c) the decision, if any, taken in the matter.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not airse.

Suspended Offcers in Alimco, Kanpur

1780. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have not yet framed charges against suspended officers of ALIMCO, Kanpur, despite passage of about one year ;

(b) whether no charges could be legitimately framed against such officers; and

(c) if so, what steps being taken to restore the position of the officers in order to ensure proper production of the unit ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) CBI on the basis of the Preliminary Enquiry found a prima-facie evidence against the suspended officers entering into criminal conspiracy with the other parties to siphon off the grant-in-aid given by the Government to the Corporation. CBI is still investigating the case. As soon as CBI completes its enquiry the charges sheet shall be served on the suspended officers.

It may be mentioned here that the production in the current year has gone up by 37% value-wise as compared to the year 1992-93.

अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के छात्रों हेतु छात्रवृत्ति की दरों में संशोधन

1781. श्री जगन्नाथ सिंह :
श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता :

क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित योजनाओं के अंतर्गत अनुसूचित जातियों तथा अनुसूचित जनजातियों के छात्रों को मैट्रिक के बाद दी जाने वाली छात्रवृत्ति की दरें कब संशोधित की गई थीं;